

# St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

## November Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians, As we edge nearer to Christmas and the end of the recent National Lockdown, the message from school remains the same. Please remain as vigilant as ever to the dangers of the Coronavirus—we must keep on protecting each other.

### **Blackpool moves into Tier 3 Very High Alert**

From 2 December 2020 the second national lockdown will end and Blackpool will be placed into Tier 3 of the government alert level system. Tiers will be strengthened compared to the previous tier measures in order to prevent a return to growing infections and to help suppress the virus.



This means:

- No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. You can meet in a group of up to six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens)
- You can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible. You should avoid travelling to other parts of the UK, including for overnight stays other than where necessary, such as for work, education or to receive medical treatment
- Everyone who can work from home should do so

The following businesses and venues can continue to operate / reopen, in a [COVID-secure](#) manner:

- Essential and non-essential retail, including indoor and outdoor markets and car boot sales
- Certain leisure and sporting facilities such as gyms and leisure centres, excluding group exercise classes (including fitness and dance). Saunas and steam rooms should remain closed
- Personal care and close contact services such as hairdressers and barbers, beauty salons, tattoo parlours, nail salons and spas

When Blackpool moves into Tier 3, a number of businesses and venues must remain closed:

- Hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha bars), pubs, cafes and restaurants. Takeaway, delivery, click-and-collect, drive-through services can continue
- Accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites, and guest houses
- Indoor entertainment and tourist venues

Get the [full breakdown of all Tier 3 restrictions](#)

Take a look at a [quick snapshot of the Tier 3 restrictions](#) to help you understand the changes here

Please remember the rules will change over the Christmas period. Details of this can be found [here](#)

There has been lots going on in school—children are learning and making progress, and as a school, we are trying to maintain some semblance of normality every day.

**Please remember: If anyone in your household is symptomatic or tests positive, you MUST alert school.**

Many thanks, Miss Taylor

## Christmas Jumper Day



On **Friday 11th December** millions of people in the UK will be putting on a Christmas jumper to raise money for a great cause.

This will be an opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper to school and bring in a donation for Save the Children.

You do not need to wear your school uniform on this day—it will be a non-uniform day.



## Access to the school



We cannot grant parents access to school at this time. Should you forget to send your child with a water bottle, school will ensure they get access to water that day. Please do not 'drop off' unnecessary items at the school office.

If you have any queries, please phone the school office on: 01253 966150

## Reception and Year 2 Nativities

The children will be dressed for a Nativity performance and filmed. This will then be sent to parents of those classes.

Monday 14th December—Year 2 Nativity recording

Tuesday 15th December— Reception Nativity recording

Reception and Year 2 teachers will keep parents informed of any specific information via the app and on Class Dojo.



## Promotional video

I hope you have enjoyed watching the video which showcases how amazing our school is?

If you have not seen it, you can watch it by clicking here:

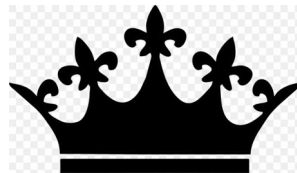
<https://youtu.be/oemo0AN8hD8>



## School Holiday Pattern 2021-2022

Please see the amended Holiday Pattern (on the next page).

It has recently been announced that the May bank holiday weekend in 2022 will be moved from 30<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 2 June and there will be an extra Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022, in recognition and celebration of the Queen's 70-year reign.



## Moving onto School dinners or Packed Lunches.

Please note—if you require a change of lunchtime provision from packed lunches to school dinners or vice versa, you must give the school **one week's notice**.

This can be via email or calling the school office.

Many thanks.



**St Nicholas Church of England Primary School - School Holiday Pattern 2021-22**

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Monday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	Bank Holidays
	Other Holidays
	Working Days
	Weekends
	INSET

Term One	38
Term Two	35
Term Three	29
Term Four	30
Term Five	28
Term Six	35
Total	195

# **Dates for your diary November / December 2020**

Fortnight beginning 23rd November - Parents' Evening phone calls

Week beginning 30th November - Year 2 Phonics Screening check begins

Friday 4th December—Year 6 World War 2 day

Friday 4th December—Forest School ends for this year—  
re-starts after Christmas

Tuesday 8th December—Year 1 Vision Screening in hall

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December—Year 2 Nativity recording

Tuesday 15th December— Reception Nativity recording

Friday 18th December—Finish for Christmas Break

**Tuesday 5th January 2021—School re-opens for Spring Term**

